

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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The Honorable Max Baucus United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510-2602

Dear Senator Baucus:

This letter is in response	to your inquiry to Commissioner	Rossotti dated May 2, 2000,
on behalf of the	. You asked us to promptly review the rulings	
submitted to the Internal	Revenue Service by the	in connection with its
restructuring of the owner	ership of its electric generation fac	cilities.

We have a number of cases involving complex issues about the ongoing restructuring of the electric utility industry. These cases present new issues for which determinations must be carefully made. However, we do appreciate your concerns and are working as rapidly as possible to make these determinations and to issue the requested rulings.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Peter Friedman at (202) 622-3110.

Sincerely,

CHARLES B. RAMSEY Chief, Branch 6 Office of Assistant Chief Counsel Passthroughs and Special Industries